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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: THE WINNERS IN TUYEN DUC

REF: A) SAIGON 6233; B) SAIGON 8117; C) SAIGON 9069

1. TUYEN DUC'S VIETNAMESE SEAT WAS WON BY NGUYEN HOANG WITH 8,035 VOTES. LIANG HOT NGEO WAS ELECTED TO TUYEN

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DUC'S SOUTHERN MONTAGNARD SEAT WITH 12,557 VOTES AND NONG VAN MAN CAPTURED THE NORTHERN MONTAGNARD SEAT WITH 7,972 VOTES. 32,287 VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS.
2. HOANG IS A 45 YEAR OLD BUDDHIST FROM QUANG NGAI. HE HAS

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TRIED OCCASIONAL STINTS AS AN OFFICIAL IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES. IN 1964 HOANG WAS DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF IN QUANG NGAI AND THEN A DEPARTMENT CHIEF IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION UNDER THE KHANH GOVERNMENT. IN 1965 HOANG WAS CHIEF OF THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT. SINCE 1966, HE HAS SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE CENSUS GRIEVANCE OFFICE FOR DALAT AND TUYEN DUC.

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HOANG CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE VNQDD (KY BO FACTION) IN QUANG NGAI FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. IN 1964, HE WAS A CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL UNION FORCES (LUC LUONG QUOC GIA THONG NHUT) AND, IN 1967, WAS APPOINTED FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN OF

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DESPITE HIS STRONG ADVOCACY OF CIVILIAN RULE, HOANG FAVORED GENERAL THIEU'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY.

3. AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE CAMPAIGN WS THE PUBLICATION ON OCTOBER 19 IN VIET NAM PRESS OF A RINGING ENDORSEMENT OF HOANG. VNP'S DIRECTOR IS NGUYEN NGOC LINH, A LEADING ALL VIETNAM BLOC BOOSTER. (SEE REF C FOR ACCOUNT OF VNP ENDORSEMENT OF ANOTHER (KY BO) VNQDD PARTY MENBER IN BINH DINH, NGUYEN HUU KAI. THOI ALSO WON).

4. LIANG HOT NGEO IS A 30 YEAR OLD PROTESTANT FROM THE KOHO-SPEAKING LAT TRIBE OF TUYEN DUC. NGEO HAS A SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION. AS DEPUTY ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SERVICE CHIEF IN TUYEN DUC, NGEO HAS IMPRESSED AMERICANS AS AN INTELLIGENT, ACTIVE AND HONEST OFFICIAL.

5. NONG VAN MAN IS A 33 YEAR OLD ANCESTOR WORSHIPPER FROM THE THO TRIBE OF LAM SON, NORTH VIETNAM. MAN IS

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A BUSINESSMAN IN TUNG NGHIA, TUYEN DUC AND "DISCIPLIN-
ARIAN" AT THE LYCEE YERSIN IN DALAT. (FOR ADDITIONAL
DIO DATA ON ALL THREE, SEE REF A). BUNKER

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